

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Smith et al.

Serial No. : 10/706,559

Art Unit: 3731

Filed : November 12, 2003

Examiner: Kathleen C. Sonnett

For: IMPROVED SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR THE
TREATMENT OF URINARY INCONTINENCE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

December 8, 2006

(Date of Deposit)

Melissa J. Szanto

(Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative)

/Melissa J. Szanto/

(Signature)

December 8, 2006

(Date of Signature)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Dear Sir:

This Response is being made in response to the Office Action mailed on
September 21, 2006. A listing of all pending claims begins on page 2, and remarks
begin on page 7.